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(B) IAEA VIENNA 2462

(C) US POSITION PAPER FOR DDC MEETING AUGUST 1973 ON NPT REVIEW
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1. REF (C) PROPOSED THAT US, UK, AND USSR CO-SPONSOR RESOLUTION
AT UNGA THIS FALL WHICH WOULD ESTABLISH PREPARATORY COMMISSION
FOR NPT REVIEW CONFERENCE COMPOSED OF THOSE MEMBERS IAEA BOARD
WHO ARE PARTIES TO NPT. FOR REASONS SET FORTH IN REF (C),
PRIMARILY OTHER POWERS GIVEN THIS GROUP OF STATES BY THE TREATY,
WE CONCUR THAT SUCH A COMMISSION WOULD BE LOGICAL AND PROBABLY
LEAST CONTROVERSIAL ALTERNATIVE.

2. CONCERN IS EXPRESSED IN BOTH REF (C), PAGE 12, AND REF (A),
PARA 2, THAT SUCH A FORMULA MIGHT EXCLUDE MEXICO AND SWEDEN
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FROM PREPARATORY COMMISSION. IN FACT, SUCH CONCERN IS NOT ENTIRELY

VALID. SWEDEN IS UNOPPOSED CANDIDATE FOR ELECTION TO IAEA BOARD IN SEPTEMBER 1973 AND WILL SERVE UNTIL SEPTEMBER 1975. MEXICO IS PRESENTLY MEMBER OF BOARD, WITH TERM EXPIRING IN SEPTEMBER 1974, AND WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR RE-ELECTION. HOWEVER, MEXICO COULD CERTAINLY SERVE ON PREPARATORY COMMISSION UP UNTIL THAT TIME AND IN FACT, IF UNGA RESOLUTION ESTABLISHES COMMISSION COMPOSED OF CERTAIN LISTED STATES WHO ARE MEMBERS OF IAEA BOARD AND PARTIES TO TREATY IN FALL 1973, WE SEE NO REASON WHY MEXICO'S MEMBERSHIP ON COMMISSION NEED EXPIRE WHEN ITS BOARD TERM EXPIRES. RESOLUTION COULD PROVIDE FOR ADDING STATES TO COMMISSION WHICH BECOME PARTIES TO NPT AND MEMBERS OF BOARD SUBSEQUENT TO ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION, BUT NEED NOT CONTAIN ANY PROVISION FOR SUBTRACTING MEMBERS.

3. ALTHOUGH PRECISE MEMBERSHIP OF 1973-74 IAEA BOARD WILL NOT BE KNOWN UNTIL AFTER IAEA GENERAL CONFERENCE NEXT MONTH, IT IS CERTAIN THAT NPT PARTIES ON IT WILL INCLUDE US, UK, USSR, AUSTRALIA, CANADA AND MEXICO, AND PROBABLE THAT PARTIES WILL ALSO INCLUDE TWO OTHER LATIN AMERICANS, THREE OTHER EAST EUROPEANS, TWO AFRICANS, IRELAND, LEBANON, PHILIPPINES, AND SWEDEN. THIS STRIKES US AS BETTER GEOGRAPHIC AND POLITICAL BALANCE THAN WE ENJOY IN MANY OTHER FORA. IF AND WHEN FRG, ITALY, AND JAPAN, ALL WHOM WILL BE PERMANENT MEMBERS OF BOARD BEGINNING NEXT MONTH, RATIFY NPT, THEY COULD BE ADDED TO COMMISSION.

4. WE ALSO STRONGLY ENDORSE PROPOSAL IN REF (C) THAT CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO HAVING UNGA RESOLUTION REQUEST IAEA TO PROVIDE SECRETARIAT FOR REVIEW CONFERENCE AT UN EXPENSE, AS WAS DONE IN CASE OF 1971 PEACEFUL USES OF ATOMIC ENERGY CONFERENCE. MORE IS AT STAKE THAN SIMPLY HAVING ADEQUATE NUMBER IN INTERPRETERS AND TYPISTS. SENIOR SECRETARIAT STAFF SHOULD BE EXPERIENCED IN AND SENSITIVE TO COMPLEX POLITICAL ISSUES INVOLVED IN NPT AND ITS IMPLEMENTATION, AND IAEA STAFF IS WELL EQUIPPED FROM THAT STANDPOINT. IT WOULD ALSO SEEM STRANGE, IN VIEW OF MAJOR ROLE GIVEN IAEA BY THE TREATY, IF ITS ROLE AT REVIEW CONFERENCE WERE LIMITED TO THAT OF AN OBSERVER WHO IS PERMITTED TO GIVE A SINGLE SPEECH.

5. ACTION REQUESTED. AS THIS SUBJECT HAS BEEN RAISED WITH US ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS BY BRITISH AND SOVIET REPS HERE (REF B),
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REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO DISCUSS SUBSTANCE OF REF C WITH THEM. WE WOULD OF COURSE POINT OUT THAT CONSULTATIONS HAVE ALREADY TAKEN PLACE AT GENEVA AND DECISIONS ON RESOLUTION WILL PROBABLY BE MADE IN NEW YORK. PORTER

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